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For: IL-1 ZETA, IL-1 ZETA SPLICE VARIANTS AND XREC2 DNAS AND  
POLYPEPTIDES

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to an Office Action having a mailing date of May 16, 2003 (Paper No. 11),  
Applicants request that the claims be amended as described, and reconsidered.

- **Amendment to the Specification:** begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Drawings:** none
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.
- **Conclusions** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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